

Washington, D.C. -- Working to improve commuting and safety in local communities, Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (CA-39) secured \$14 million dollars for transportation projects across Southeastern Los Angeles County. These funds were secured as part of the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (H.R. 3550), also known as TEA-LU. This bill will determine government spending on surface transportation for the next six-years. TEA-LU passed today in the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 357 to 65. The Senate passed their version of this bill in February. Currently, House and Senate negotiators are working out the differences between the two versions of the bill.

“I am very pleased to have secured funding for important transportation projects in the 39th District. These funds are needed to help reconstruct damaged roads, reduce congestion, improve our air quality, and make highway travel better and safer for every driver and passenger,” said Congresswoman Linda Sánchez.

Below is a list of projects Congresswoman Sánchez has earmarked for federal funding in this bill:

- \$ 2,200,000 □ These funds will be used for the reconstruction of Long Beach Boulevard in Lynwood
- \$ 700,000- These funds will be used to construct medians to improve safety and congestion on Imperial Highway in La Mirada
- \$ 1,250,000- This money will provide the necessary fund for the reconstruction of Paramount Blvd. in Lakewood
- \$4,000,000 □ This funding will modernize Garfield Avenue Bridge, which runs over the Rio Hondo River Channel and add two-lanes. In addition, this funding will be used to make needed earthquake safety improvements to this vital bridge.
- \$400,000- These funds will be used to reconstruct Carson St. and add an on/off ramp to Interstate 605, in Hawaiian Gardens
- \$1,100,000- This funding will be used to reconstruct Whittier Blvd. in Whittier
- \$500,000- These funds will be utilized in the reconstruction 1.9 miles of Paramount Blvd. in Long Beach
- \$3,250,000- This money will fund Diesel Emissions Reduction Program for Gateway Cities Council of Governments
- \$300,000 □ This funding will initiate the preliminary engineering for the 33 mile long Orange Line commuter train that would connect Los Angeles to Orange County. This money will also help start the process of looking at the environmental impact of this new transportation project.

“I support this legislation because we need federal funding for these important transportation projects. At the same time, I want California to get its fair share of funding from the Federal Highway Transit Fund. Currently, California is only getting back 90.5 cents for every \$1 we contribute. I will continue to fight for fair legislation that ensures that Californians are getting their fair share of transportation benefits,” said Congresswoman Linda Sánchez.